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## REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATESHIP A TAX-DODGER

Why doesn't Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole, delegate to Congress and nominal head of the Republican party in Hawaii, pay his taxes?

The records of the tax office show that Kuhio's taxes are unpaid since 1902. They show that he owes the Territory for that length of time taxes to the amount of no less than \$2185.59. And this does not include the taxes owed the Territory by the Kapiolani Estate, in which Kuhio holds a very large share of the stock. The Kapiolani Estate, Limited, also owes taxes from as far back as 1902—a total of \$1879.45. And it should be borne in mind that these debts of Kuhio and the Kapiolani Estate owing to the Territory are only for taxes assessed on the Island of Oahu alone. The records of how much Kuhio and the Kapiolani Estate owe in taxes on property held on the other Islands of the Territory are not available at present, but it is known that they own large values in property on the other Islands.

The following, obtained from the tax office yesterday, shows how Kuhio and the Kapiolani Estate have for years been neglecting or refusing to pay their debts to the people of Hawaii:

### TAXES UNPAID BY KUHIO AND NOW DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE TERRITORY OF HAWAII.

1902 to 1910, Both Inclusive.

Income Tax:	
1903 .....	\$ 336.59
1904 .....	368.80
1905 .....	283.85
<b>\$ 989.24</b>	
Property and Personal Tax:	
1902 .....	\$ 35.80
1903 .....	306.95
1904 .....	321.10
1905 .....	102.90
1906 .....	99.30
1907 .....	97.75
1908 .....	85.25
1909 .....	78.25
1910 .....	69.05
<b>\$1196.35</b>	

**Total Taxes Kuhio .....** \$2185.59

### Kapiolani Estate, Limited.

Income and Property due from  
1902 to date .....

**\$1879.45**

### Grand Total Kuhio and Kapiolani Estate .....

**\$4065.04**

### KUHIO SPECIALLY FAVORED.

Why have these taxes not been paid? Why have not the tax officials of the Territorial government compelled payment of them? The answers are obvious. Kuhio is the head of the Republican party—and the Kapiolani Estate and Kuhio are so closely connected as to be to all practical purposes one and the same. Should the head of the Republican party be expected to pay taxes? Surely not! What is the Republican party for if not to protect its own—to relieve them from the disagreeable necessity of paying taxes? Why should Cupid pay taxes so long as they

can be wrung from the scanty pocket-books of less-favored persons, from the poor Hawaiian, the Portuguese laborer, the middle-class haole?

If it were the ordinary man, the every-day citizen, who had not paid his taxes for eight years—! But the ordinary man, the every-day citizen, would never be allowed to get eight years behind! If it were one of the common people who got behind in his taxes, his property would be seized by the government and sold for taxes. That is what would happen to you, Mr. Voter, or to any of us.

### UNJUST DISCRIMINATION.

If a clerk in a store, a newspaper reporter, the employe of any one of the big mercantile or manufacturing firms of Hawaii fails to pay his taxes when they are due, the tax assessor files suit against him, gets judgment, and garnishees his wages. And to the original amount of the tax is added usurious interest, together with an unjust penalty and the costs of court. And the poor devil has to pay up, even though his underfed and poorly-clothed family go without food or clothing.

But Kuhio need not pay his taxes.

And the Kapiolani Estate, Limited, need not pay its taxes.

They belong to the "Few Of Us"!

They are of those who must be protected.

They are the ones for whose benefit the laws are made and enforced. They do the dancing while the common individual pays the piper. They are of the Special Interests beneath whose domination the common people of the Territory groan.

### TAX-DODGER FOR CONGRESS!

And this Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole, the tax-dodger, is the man whom the Republican party and the Special Interests for whom it stands want to send back to Congress as a fit representative of the people of Hawaii!

Why should not Cupid pay his taxes? And why should not the Kapiolani Estate be sued for nonpayment of taxes?

The big corporations that have for so long dominated the conduct of public affairs in this Territory take great credit to themselves in that they are paying a special two-per-cent income tax, the revenue of which is used for their own private benefit and to the detriment of the rest of the community. They pat themselves on the shoulder-blades and assume an aspect of great virtue because they are helping to keep alive a law which they themselves acknowledge is unconstitutional and therefore unlawful and invalid.

But do they pay their fair proportion of the ordinary taxes? Do they pay taxes on the actual value of their property? Everybody who has paid any attention to the matter knows they do not. They undervalue their property in their tax returns and pay taxes on only a moiety of it. And they call this, if not honesty, at least commercial sagacity!

### POOR MAN MUST PAY IN FULL.

But the Hawaiian, the Portuguese, or the middle-class American white gets

## REPUBLICANS CLAMOR FOR UNCONSTITUTIONAL LAW

The special two per cent income tax law, commonly known as the Conservation and Immigration Act, is unconstitutional. The sugar interests admit it. The Advertiser, organ of the Republican party, claims it. The Republican party itself boasts that it is.

And yet the Republican party—which includes all the others above mentioned—boldly states that it wants to perpetuate this fraudulent, unconstitutional, and invalid law. It wants to do this, not for the benefit of the common people of the Territory but for the benefit of the Special Interests, The System, and Dominating Power that for so long has made a joke of the constitution and a farce of the administration of the laws in Hawaii.

The Republican party and its paid organs, the Advertiser and Bulletin, take it upon themselves to blame the Democratic party for suggesting that, instead of using the revenues derived from this law for the importation of immigrants that the Territory does not need, it might be turned to other and more profitable uses—and in the same breath claim that the Conservation and Immigration Act is unconstitutional and is only kept on the statute books by the tacit consent of the Special Interests who, for their own reasons, have not seen fit to have the law tested and have not gone into court and questioned its constitutionality.

If they know that the law is unconstitutional, are they not virtually aiding and abetting a violation of the law every time they pay this special two-per-cent income tax? Are they not making a joke of the constitution, a farce of justice, a laughing-stock of the statute book?

"We are the ones who pay the special tax," whine the Special Interests, "and therefore we ought to be allowed to go on paying it if we want to, and we ought to be permitted to use the revenue as we please." Sure, they ought to be allowed to use this tax-money as they please, even though what they please to use it for is against the best interests of the Territory as a whole!

They want to use the revenues to

no rebate! If his tax-return looks too small to the assessor, it is raised and a penalty added because the assessor and the taxation board claim that he has tried to cheat the government. He pays taxes to the full value of his property, and frequently to the value of a good deal more than the property is worth.

Why? Because he is not of a "Few Of Us"! Because he is not of The Elect! Because he is not a Sugar-Planter, a Rich Manufacturer, the owner of sugar-stocks! He owns perhaps his little home, an acre or less of land, and a house just large enough for his family.

How long are the voters of these Islands going to stand for this sort of thing? Are they going forever to be trodden under foot by the Insolent Rich or are they going to assert their rights and elect to office men who will see that all men are treated alike and that no

bring in more immigrants to work in their cane-fields and keep wages down to a starvation level! They want to bring in foreigners who, even though they do go to work in the fields of their masters for a while, come back in great numbers in time to Honolulu and to the other cities and towns of the Territory and enter into other work where they come into competition with our citizen-labor and reduce the wage level to that of the countries from which they have come—or to that of the sugar plantations of Hawaii whence they seek to escape. An example of what happens is the recent Russian fiasco. The planters brought the Russians in to work on the plantations. But what are they doing now? Of those who have not already gone on to the mainland, a large proportion are working on the waterfront and at other tasks that rightfully belong to the Hawaiians.

The Republican party claims that the coming of the Russians has raised wages in Honolulu.

The claim is absolutely false and those who make it know that it is. The Russians have not been the cause of any increase in wages. There has been no increase in wages. But the Russians have come into competition with the citizen-labor of this Territory and have crowded much of it out.

Even were the Conservation and Immigration Act constitutional, its results are disastrous to the common people of this Territory, and the present use of the revenues derived from it should be abolished. If it is not constitutional, as the Republican Special Interests and their runner, the Advertiser, claim, then it should either be wiped off the statute books or it should be so amended as to make it conform to the Constitution of the United States. And if it is to be amended, the amendments should include one, such as that proposed in the Democratic platform, to use the revenues to be derived from the law for the benefit of all the people, not merely those arrogant Special Interests who care not who else is hurt, so they keep on making their enormous profits and growing richer every day.

special favors are extended to those who need them least?

### THE ONLY REMEDY.

Next Tuesday is election day. The Democratic ticket and the Democratic platform offer the common people a chance to remedy the evil conditions that now exist. Let's make Cupid and his fellow-conspirators pay their fair share of the taxes. **Let's see that every man gets a Square Deal!**

Candidate Cecil Brown, in his speech at Iwilei, asked that the Hawaiian-born white be trusted to help along the general welfare of these Islands. Judging from Mr. Brown's past, the general welfare of these Islands is best served by employing Asiatics. How about those Japanese carpenters he employed on his own home four years ago when he was running for office on the inde-